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Simulation Lecture Notes

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1 Simulation From a Known Distribution

Assumptions We know how to simulate from $U(0,1)$.

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \sim U(0, 1), i.i.d.$$

Pseudo random numbers: $r_1, \dots, r_k, \dots$

Set $x_i = \frac{r_i \bmod M}{M}$, where M is a big constant number.

E.g. $M=50000$. If $y_i < M$, $x_i = \frac{y_i}{M}$

If $y_i > 50000$, $y_i = 62503 \Rightarrow x_i = \frac{12503}{50000}$

If $y_i = 262525 = 5 \times 50000 + 12525 \Rightarrow x_i = \frac{12525}{50000}$

A. Simulate from an exponential distribution $x \sim \exp(\lambda)$

Density function: $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbf{1}_{\{x>0\}}$

Algorithm

1. Simulate $u \sim U(0,1)$
2. Compute $x = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(u)$

Claim: $x \sim f(x)$

Reason $\forall t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(x \leq t) &= P\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(u) \leq t\right) \\ &= P(u \geq e^{-\lambda t}) \\ &= 1 - P(u < e^{-\lambda t}) \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \\ &= \int_0^t \lambda e^{-\lambda s} ds \\ &= \int_0^t f_{\exp}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

B. Simulate from a known continuous CDF $x \sim F(x)$

Facts Suppose

$$X \sim F(x) \Rightarrow F(X) \sim U(0, 1)$$

$$U \sim U(0, 1) \Rightarrow X = F^{-1}(U) \sim F(x)$$

Proof $\forall 0 < t < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} F_u(t) &= P(U \leq t) \\ &= P(F(X) \leq t) \\ &= P(X \leq F^{-1}(t)) \\ &= F(F^{-1}(t)) = t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq x) &= P(F^{-1}(u) \leq x) \\ &= P(u \leq F(x)) \\ &= F(x) \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm

:

1. Simulate $u \sim U(0, 1)$
2. Compute $x = F^{-1}(u)$

Claim: $x \sim F(x)$

E.g. Set $F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} = t$. Then $x = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(1 - t) = F^{-1}(t)$

C. Simulate from normal distribution $x \sim N(0, 1)$

Density Function: $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

CDF: $\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt$

If you have a way to compute $\Phi(x)$ or $\Phi^{-1}(t)$, then you can use the Algorithm in 1.2. But there are faster methods!

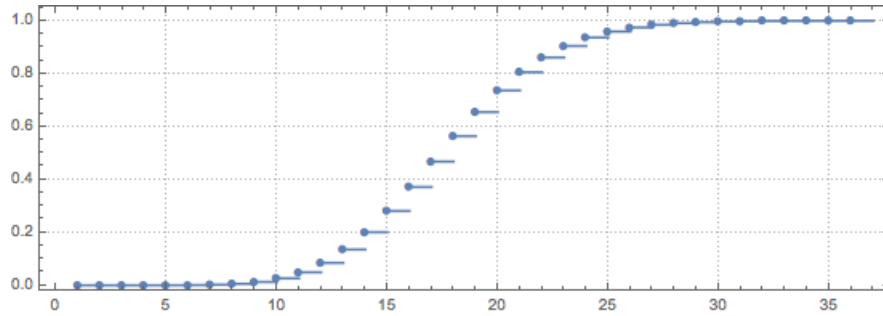
Algorithm 1 (approx method)

1. Simulate $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{12} \sim U(0, 1)$
2. Compute $x = u_1 + \dots + u_{12} - 6$

Claim: $X \sim N(0, 1)$

- Simulate $u \sim U(0, 1)$. Compute $t = -\frac{\log u}{\lambda}$
 Set $k = k + 1$ and $s = s + t$
 3. Return $x = k - 1$

Alternatively, recall $U \sim U(0, 1) \Rightarrow X = F^{-1}(u) \sim F(\bullet)$



Q: In discrete case, how to define $F^{-1}(u)$?

A: $x = F^{-1}(u)$ = the largest integer such that $F(x) \leq u$

Algorithm(numerical)

1. Set $f = e^{-\lambda}$, $F = 0$, $X = 0$.
Generate $u \sim U(0, 1)$
2. While $(F \leq u)$, set
 $x = x + 1$
 $f = f \frac{\lambda}{x}$
 $F = F + f$
3. Return x

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Here, $F(x,y)$ is the joint CDF of (X,Y) . $F_1(x)$ is the marginal distribution of X , $F_2(y)$ is the marginal distribution of Y .

Set $x = F_1^{-1}(t), y = F_2^{-1}(s)$,

$$F(x, y) = C(F_1(x), F_2(y))$$

Implies: if I know marginal distribution $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(y)$ and copulas $C(t, s)$, I will know the joint distribution $F(x,y)$. Vice versa, since $F_1(x) = \int F(x, y)dy, F_2(y) = \int F(x, y)dx$.

Special cases

(a) X and Y independent $\Leftrightarrow F(X, Y) = F_1(X)F_2(Y) \Leftrightarrow C(t, s) = F_1(F_1^{-1}(t))F_2(F_2^{-1}(s)) = ts$

(b) Suppose

$$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

What is $C(t,s)$?

$$F_1(x) = P(X \leq x) = P\left(\frac{X-\mu_1}{\sigma_1} \leq \frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu_1}{\sigma_1}\right)$$

$$F_2(y) = \Phi\left(\frac{y-\mu_2}{\sigma_2}\right)$$

Joint density:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\frac{(x-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(y-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_1)(y-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \right]}$$

Joint CDF:

$$F(x, y) = P(X, Y \leq y) = \int_{-\infty}^x \int_{-\infty}^y f(u, v) du dv =$$

$$\begin{aligned} C(t, s) &= F(F_1^{-1}(t), F_2^{-1}(s)) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{F_1^{-1}(t)} \int_{-\infty}^{F_2^{-1}(s)} \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_1\sigma_2\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\frac{(u-\mu_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2} + \frac{(v-\mu_2)^2}{\sigma_2^2} - \frac{2\rho(u-\mu_1)(v-\mu_2)}{\sigma_1\sigma_2} \right]} du dv \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(t)} \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(s)} \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} [u'^2 + v'^2 - 2\rho u'v']} du' dv' \end{aligned}$$

When $\rho = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} C(t, s) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(s)} \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(t)} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[u'^2 + v'^2]} du' dv' \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(t)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u'^2} du' \int_{-\infty}^{\Phi^{-1}(s)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}v'^2} dv' \\ &= \Phi(\Phi^{-1}(t))\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(s)) = ts \end{aligned}$$

(c) Relating Kendall's τ to copula, we can prove that $\tau_k = 4 \int \int C(t, s) dC(t, s) - 1$, where $C(t, s)$ is the copula of (X, Y) .

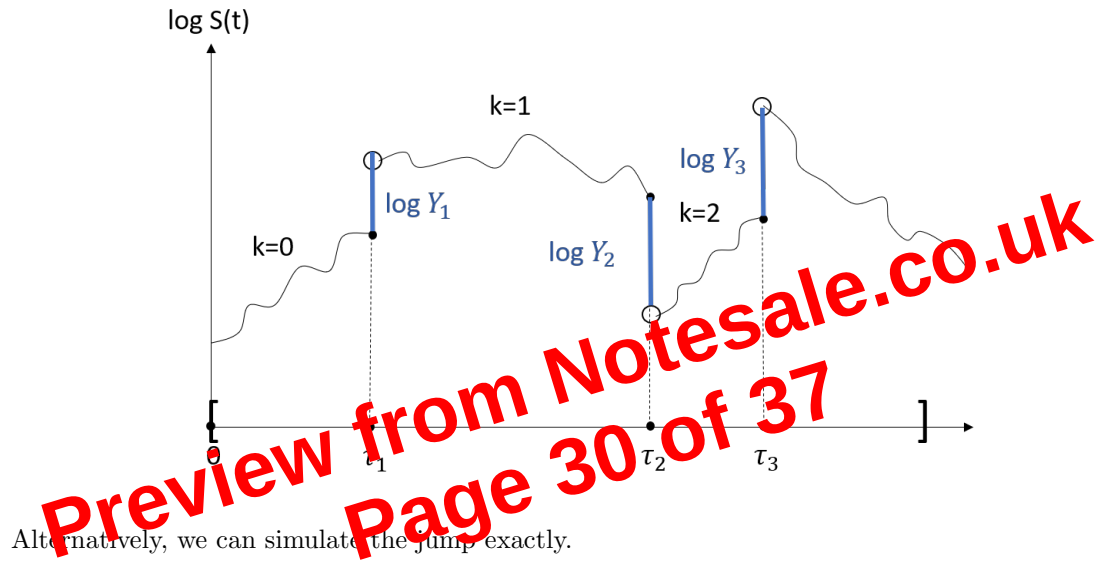
Algorithm to simulate $S(t)$ for $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = T$

Set initial $S(0)$. For $i = 1, \dots, n$,

$$S(t_i) = S(t_{i-1})e^{(\mu - \sigma^2/2)(t_i - t_{i-1}) + \sigma(t_i - t_{i-1})Z_i} \prod_{j=1}^{N(t_i)} Y_j$$

where

- $Z_i \sim N(0, 1)$
- jump times $D \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda(t_i - t_{i-1}))$
- total times at t_i $N(t_i) = D + N(t_{i-1})$
- jump variation from t_{i-1} to t_i $Y_{N(t_{i-1})+1}, \dots, Y_{N(t_{i-1})+D=Y_{N(t_i)}} \sim \text{lognormal}$



Alternatively, we can simulate the jump exactly.

$$S(\tau_{k+1}-) = S(\tau_k)e^{(\mu - \sigma^2/2)(\tau_{k+1} - \tau_k) + \sigma[W(\tau_{k+1}) - W(\tau_k)]}$$

$$S(\tau_{k+1}) = S(\tau_{k+1}-)Y_k$$

where waiting time $R_k \sim \exp(\lambda) : \tau_{k+1} = \tau_k + R_k, Y_k \sim \text{lognormal}$.

Within each (τ_k, τ_{k+1}) , we can just use the regular way to simulate from $\text{GBM}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ for the grids.